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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1623

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(PATENT)

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Stephen Carter et al.

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For: METHODS OF MODULATING IL-6

Examiner: Elli Peshev

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2006, finally rejecting claims 53-78, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as indicated below. The present amendment complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(1) and (2) in placing issues in better condition for appeal. Accordingly, the applicant requests that the examiner exercise discretion in favor of entering the present amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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